GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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FOREIGN TOUR OF WRESTLERS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Babus put Wrestlers on the Mat` in the Hindustan Times dated 2 May,2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not taking any prompt action in this regard; and

(d) the action taken against the responsible officials?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) to (d): The news-item related to the proposals received from the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) for participation of sub-junior teams in(International Cadet greco-roman style wrestling tournament at Rostov Don (Russia) from May 3-5, 2002 and 11th International Cadet free style wrestling tournament at Luckenwalde (Germany) from May 3-5, 2002. These proposals were received from WFI on 23.4.02 i.e. only 10 days before the events, whereas, according to the provisions of the `Guidelines for Assistance to National Sports Federations`, NSFs are required to submit such proposals 3 months before the event and as per subsequent instructions names of the players and officials are required to be submitted at least 20 days before the events. Even after receipt of these proposals so late, the same were referred to Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) the same day of receipt i.e. on 23.4.02 for political clearance which is a mandatory requirement for permitting foreign exposure proposals of the NSFs. The proposals were approved, as a special case on 1.5.02 subject to political clearance from MEA. The political clearance from MEA was received on 2nd May, 2002 and the same was also communicated to WFI immediately on receipt.